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IN MICRONESIA

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EMBASSY TOKYO IS REQUESTED TO ASK GOJ TO DEFER UNTIL AFTER
JUNE 17 PLEBISCITE BONES COLLECTION MISSION TO MARIANA
ISLANDS AND INITIATION OF MARPI MEMORIAL PARK CONSTRUCTION.
(WE ASSUME CONSTRUCTION REFERRED TO REFTEL IS LANDSCAPING
AT SITE OF PRESENT JAPANESE MEMORIAL LOCATED ADJACENT TO
LAST COMMAND POST SITE AND IS NOT A NEW PROJECT.) NEXT
TWO MONTHS LEADING UP TO PLEBISCITE WILL BE PERIOD OF
INTENSE POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND DEBATE FOCUSSED ON THE
COVENANT AND ALTERNATIVES TO COMMONWEALTH STATUS. DEBATE
LIKELY TO INCLUDE JAPAN-RELATED ISSUES SUCH AS WAR CLAIMS.
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IT IS OUR FEELING THAT INJECTION OF UNAVOIDABLY CONSPICUOUS

GROUPS OF JAPANESE INTO SMALL POPULATION OF MARIANAS DURING
THIS PERIOD SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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